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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE: MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD

1. DURING CONVERSATION THIS MORNING (JULY 3) PRINCE FAHD SAID KING HUSSEIN WOULD ARRIVE TOMORROW (JULY 4) IN JIDDA. HUSSEIN HAD ASKED KING KHALID TO RECEIVE HIM AND WHILE IT IS ASSUMED HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND PERHAPS HIS TRIP TO RUSSIA, FAHD SAID SAG NOT CERTAIN WHAT HUSSEIN WILL TAKE UP WITH THEM.

2. FAHD ASKED WHAT WE HAD HEARD ABOUT HUSSEIN'S MOSCOW VISIT. I REPLIED NOT VERY MUCH, THAT WE ARE IN LISTENING POSTURE, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITE INFORMATION. WE HAD OF COURSE HEARD RUMORS THAT RUSSIANS WERE FORTHCOMING, OFFERING MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR RUSSIAN PERSONNEL TO BE IN JORDAN. FAHD SMILED A BIT AND ADDED THAT NO DOUBT JORDANIANS COULD GO TO RUSSIA. I REPLIED WE HAD HEARD THAT TOO, BUT NO DETAILS HAD COME OUR WAY. HE SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.
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